

# Summer Camp Zotz Pates

Week 1: June 17-June 21

Week 6: July 22-July 26

Week 2: June 24-June 28

Week 7: July 29-August 2

Week 3: July 1-July 5\*

Week 8: August 5-August 9

Week 4: July 8-July 12

Week 9: August 12-August 16

Week 5: July 15-July 19

Week 10: August 19-August 21

\*closed July 4

# CUB CAMP - BENGAL CAMP - SIBERIAN CAMP

## **WILD new names- Same great Merritt Academy**

Students who have completed kindergarten and first grade are invited to join CUB CAMP, featuring exciting field trips and fun oncampus special events specifically geared to the interests of our younger campers. BENGAL CAMP offers students finishing second through fourth grade an opportunity to enjoy cool activities on

campus, and wild adventures off campus, including our popular excursions to Kings Dominion and Six Flags amusement parks! For our oldest campers, SiBERIAN CAMP for campers finished with fifth and sixth grade is filled with wild fun, including the Kings Dominion and Six Flags trips, as well as special trips just for our oldest campers!



## INTRODUCING TIGER TIME- WHERE WHAT YOU DO IS UP TO YOU!

Can't get enough of art? Are sports and games more your thing? Whatever your passion, TIGER TIME has an option that will appeal to YOU! Campers in Cub, Bengal and Siberian programs will have the opportunity to sign up for their choice of TIGER TIME activities several times a week: Would you rather shoot a jump shot on the basketball court or strike a pose in a drama workshop? Mix up a new recipe in cooking or mix it up on the volleyball court? It's entirely up to you! No advance registration for TIGER TIME is necessary, and new activities will be offered every week!

## Week 1: June 17 - June 21

# FERFARING.

🐴 Make a festive lei for our Luau Party

How low can you go during our Limbo Competition?

# Borken Reside

## MOLD GRIPS.

## CUB CAMP:

Splish-Splash the day away at the Volcano Water Park

BENGAL & SIBERIAN CAMP:

Go island-hopping when you bounce around at Rebounderz

## Week 2: June 24 - June 28

## Featuring:

Step back in time for ye olde Royal Renaissance Faire

Build a Pirate Ship out of recycled materials and race across the water in search of buried treasure!

## Field Trips:

### CUB CAMP:

Walk the plank (if you dare!) and join the **Pirate River Cruise** in Baltimore's Inner Harbor

## BENGAL & SIBERIAN CAMP:

Be swept away by bravery at Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament at Arundel Mills

Challenge your friends to a good-natured joust at Laser Tag







## Week 3: July 1- July 5 (no camp July 4)

## FEATURING:

## HAPPY HOLI-DAZE!

- ◆ Christmas and Independence day in the same week?
  This calls for a Holiday Party!
- ◆ Proud to be an American? Put on your finest red, white, and blue for a Patriotic Pride Parade

### FIELD TRIPS:

#### CUB CAMP:

◆ Enjoy a festive lunch out during the Restaurant trip

#### BENGAL CAMP:

- ◆ Watch pastry chefs bake up holiday magic at Heidelberg Bakery
- ◆ Enjoy a sleigh-full of thrills at Six Flags Amusement Park

#### SIBERIAN CAMP:

- ◆ Prepare a holiday feast during your class at Cookology Cooking School
- → You'll be jumping for joy at Six Flags Amusement Park

Week 4: July 8 - July 12

## Featuring:

# Wild Wild West

- Let the best recipe in the west prevail at the Cowboy Cook-off
- Happy trails lay ahead as we saddle up for a Pony Ride

## Field Trips:

#### CUB CAMP:

Be an underground explorer at Shenandoah Caverns

### BENGAL CAMP:

- We're "horsing" around when we go Horseback Riding
- Pioneer the underground caves of Shenandoah Caverns

## SIBERIAN CAMP:

- ♦ Saddle up, cowboy! We're going Horseback Riding
- Hold on- you're in for a wild river ride when we go Whitewater Rafting before our Overnight Camp-out in Harpers Ferry, WV

## Week 5: July 15 - July 19

## FEATURING

# ROCKIN' HEROES AND SUPER VILLAINS

- ★ Cheer on your counselors as they tackle zany Action Adventure Improv
- ★ Reveal your rockin' hero / super villain alias at Heroes & Villains Party

# FIELD TREPS:

#### CUB CAMP:

★ Epic fun made JUST FOR KIDS at the National Children's Museum at the National Harbor

#### BENGAL & SIBERIAN CAMP:

- ★ Lights! Camera! Action! Grab your popcorn and let's go to the Movies
- ★ Fly like your favorite action hero on the roller coasters at Kings Dominion

**Week 6: July 22 - July 26** 

# **All-Star Sports**

NEW FOR 2013

## Featuring:

- **№** Go for the gold at our **Party Rock Olympic Games**
- Put the pedal to the "medal" at the "Tour de Merritt" Bike Rally

## Field Trips:

CUB CAMP:

Stay fit and have fun as you bounce around at the House of Bounce

## BENGAL & SIBERIAN CAMP

- Watch the improvisational comedy pros of **ComedySportz** compete for your applause during our trip to the Comedy Spot in Arlington
- Root root root for the home team at the **Professional Sports Event**

## Week 7: July 29- August 2

## **Featuring**

# **Dinosaur Rock**

NEW FOR 20

- Our Prehistoric Party is going to have the gym bed-ROCKING!
- Try your hand at paleontology as you uncover fossils on our Dinosaur Dig

## Field Trips:

CUB CAMP:

Investigate the ancient mysteries of science at Baltimore's Port Discovery

## BENGAL CAMP.

- Texplore the sights at Baltimore's Inner Harbor
- Play V.I.P. (Very Important Paleontologist) at the Natural History Museum

### S.BER AN CAMP:

- Fly through the sky like a Pteranodon at Go Ape! Treetop Adventures high ropes course—including a 400 ft. Zip Line!
- Inravel the ancient mysteries of the dinosaurs at Natural History Museum

## Week 8: August 5 - August 9

# Party Rock stars

## Eeaturing:

- Sing along to all your favorite songs at our Live Rock Concert
- Start practicing! The Talent Show & Lip Sync Showcase starts now!

## Field Trips:

#### CUB CAMP:

- □ Get ready for the non-stop gaming action at Chuck-E-Cheese
- BENGAL & SIBERIAN CAMP:
- Jump around all afternoon at our special encore trip to Rebounderz
- Are you a pinball wizard? Find out at Dave and Busters

## Week 9: August 12 - August 16

# Groovy Golden Oldies

## Featuring:

- Make your own Banana Split before dancing over to the Sock Hop

## Field Trips:

#### CUB CAMP:

Step back in time for some classic fun at Central Park Fun Land

### BENGAL & SIBERIAN CAMP:

- It's a good old-fashioned fun time at the Central Park Fun Land featuring rides, games, food and fun!
- A fun-filled day at the Water Park never goes out of style!

Week 10: August 19 - August 21 (3-day session)

# SPace Jam

## Featuring:

lt's sure to be an intergalactic good time at the Inter-Planetary Party

## FIELD TRIP:

CUB, BENGAL & SIBERIAN CAMP:

Shoot for the moon at the Mini Golf Course and Batting Cages

## COMPLETING GRADES 7-10 & LOOKING FOR A MEANINGFUL SUMMER EXPERIENCE?

MAKE IT A ROCKIN' SUMMER AS A CIT (GRADES 7-9) OR JUNIOR COUNSELOR (GRADE 10)

Students completing 7th, 8th and 9th grade are invited to apply to become Party Rock Camp CIIS a unique 4-week program offering special leadership training opportunities specifically geared towards middle school students, along with the same rockin' field trips enjoyed by the Siberian Campers. CIIS will serve as mentors to younger campers and will have opportunities to plan and participate in service projects throughout the summer. Students completing 10th grade, or who have completed the CIT Challenge program in 2012 may apply to become JUNIOR COUNSELORS where they will provide hands-on support to Merritt Camp Counselors, gaining valuable real-world experience.

Due to the nature of Merritt's CIT and JUNIOR COUNSELOR program, students may include completion of this program as an internship or volunteer experience when applying to college, future jobs or National Honor Society. We ask that CITS and JUNIOR COUNSELORS make the commitment to participate in the full session (4 weeks for CITS and 10 weeks for JUNIOR COUNSELORS), but some accommodations may be made.

## APPL!CAT!ON PROCESS:

All applicants to the CiT and JUNIOR COUNSELOR program should complete the appropriate CiT / JUNIOR COUNSELOR program application. Applications can be downloaded from Merritt Academy's website (www.MerrittAcademy.org) or simply request one from the Camp Director. Completed applications should be emailed to Camp@merrittacademy.org, or mailed to Camp Director c/o Merritt Academy, 9211 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA 22031 or dropped off at the Merritt Academy front desk. Interviews will be scheduled after applications are received. Spaces in each program are limited and candidates will be considered on a first come, first served basis, with priority given to applications received before the early decision deadline. The deadline for early decision is April 30th.



**CAMP DAY:** Campers enjoy a wide variety of fun activities throughout the camp day. Sports are played in our gymnasium, on our fields, playgrounds, and sport court. Campers swim in our outdoor, in-ground pool and are supervised by certified lifeguards. Campers enjoy art, drama, music, games, and computers on a regular basis. Special events include shows, scavenger hunts, a campus carnival, moon bounces, a lip sync contest and weekly Friday Parties. Campers also participate in exciting weekly field trips (see weekly highlights, some activities may be subject to change).

**CAMP HOURS:** The Merritt Academy Summer Camp hours are 9:00AM-3:30PM, Monday—Friday. Before-camp care is provided at <u>no extra charge</u> and parents may bring campers as early as 6:30AM. After-camp care runs from 3:30-6:30PM and is available for \$80 per week. Afternoon activities, apart from after-camp care, such as swim lessons, t-ball, and art club are available at an additional fee. More information and registration for afternoon activities will be available in May. Merritt Summer Camp will be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

ELigiBilit: In order to participate in our Summer Camp Program, CUB CAMPERS must have completed Kindergarten, BENGAL CAMPERS must have completed 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and SIBERIAN CAMP students must have completed 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Camp room assignments will be based on the last grade completed. Week 10 (August 19-21) is available only to students enrolled at Merritt Academy for the 2013-2014 school year.

### TU:T:ON:

		EARLY	REGULAR	
		(Register before 05/01/13)	(05/01/13 and after)	
Cub Camp	(K-1)	\$357 per week	\$367 per week	
Bengal Camp	(2-4)	\$390 per week	\$400 per week	
Siberian Camp	(5-6)	\$390 per week	\$400 per week	
CIT Program	(7-9)	\$1000 per 4-week session		
Junior Counselors (10)		No tuition – Field trip admission fees will apply.		
		* Stipend will be paid to Junior Counselors working full 10 week summer		

Tuition includes a light breakfast (served 6:30–7:45AM), lunch (except on some field trip days), afternoon snack, materials and supplies, and transportation and entrance fees for field trips, unless additional fees are noted. A 5% discount is available to all returning Merritt Campers.

## TRANSPORTATION:

Bus transportation is available for an additional fee for campers living within the bus route. Additional information and registration for busing will be available in May.

## ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please log-on to Merritt Academy's website (<a href="www.MerrittAcademy.org">www.MerrittAcademy.org</a>) and click on the Summer Camp link, in order to register for Party Rock Camp 2013. On our registration website, you will find that Summer Camp registration is on a week-by-week, first come, first served basis. In order for your registration to be accepted, all fields of the online registration form must be completed and a non-refundable \$75 per child registration fee must be paid. The registration fee must be paid via credit card or e-check. This one-time registration fee is due regardless of the number of weeks chosen. The balance of all camp fees is due June 1, 2013. If payment is not completed by that time, students will be dropped from camp rosters. Balance payments may be made online or by check made payable to Merritt Academy.

Parents may access their online profile at any time to make payments, access camp information or register their child for additional weeks.

If you need to register your child for an additional week of camp, please log onto your camp account and select the additional week. You may pay the additional fees on line or submit a check made payable to Merritt Academy.

<u>If you need to make changes</u> to your camper's schedule, such as switch weeks, you need to submit your request in writing to <u>camp@merittacademy.org</u>. After June 1, 2013, any

changes to a camper's schedule will be accepted on a space available basis and will be assessed a \$45 CHANGE PROCESSING FEE.

If you need to cancel your camper's enrollment for a specific week, please inform the Camp Director of your intentions at <a href="mailto:camp@merrittacademy.org">camp@merrittacademy.org</a>. All cancellations received before June 1, 2013, will be eligible for 100% refund of the weekly fees except for the \$75 registration fee that is non-refundable. Cancellations received after June 1, 2013 will be eligible for 50% of the weekly fees (including aftercare and activity fees) if written communication is received a minimum of 7 days before the start of the week you are cancelling. Refunds will be processed in September 2013. f you submit your cancellation notification less than 7 day prior to the start of the week you are cancelling, you will not be eligible for a refund. Refunds are not provided if your child becomes sick and is unable to attend camp.

### THE CAMPER FILE

The camper file must be complete prior to the first day of camp. Enrollment will not be valid until all documents have been received. A complete file includes the following documents that VDSS licensing requires:

A signed Parent Handbook agreement form. Parent Handbooks will be available in May.

A signed Pick-Up Authorization Form, which will be included in the Parent Handbook.

A Commonwealth of Virginia School Entrance Health form completed by the camper's primary physician.

Official Proof of Identity such as a copy of your child's birth certificate or passport.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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